

GROSVENOR HOUSE,

LONDON, W.1.

31st December, 1930.

My dear Bobey,

Thank you very much for your kind greetings at Christmas time which I most cordially reciprocate.

I have seen many of our old friends and have put in an extremely busy fortnight.

I decided not to provide myself with full dress uniform as information from India was that it was not likely to be worn at any time during the ceremony. This suited my pocket very well, and it may be just as well because there might be some objection in Canada to my appearing in the uniform of a soldier when I was sent to represent a civil authority.

In a letter to Stanley to-day I have outlined my probable movements and you can get the information from him.

I arrived just in time to go to Hastings Anderson's funeral. We knew him, of course, so well while he was with General Horne as M.G.G.S. His loss is regarded as a severe blow because he is looked upon by practically everybody as an outstanding British officer, and no doubt would have finished his career as chief of the general staff. He died from the same trouble as Ross Hatter and Rawlinson. It was a very large funeral and Sprange, I am glad to say, got some moving pictures of it. Radcliffe was one of the pall bearers and I saw something of him the next day, also George Farmer who had charge of the funeral arrangements and who provided excellent seats for Billy King and myself in the Chapel. Charles, who was B.G.G.S. to 17th Corps and is now M.G.O. met me on arrival, as did Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Chief of Staff.